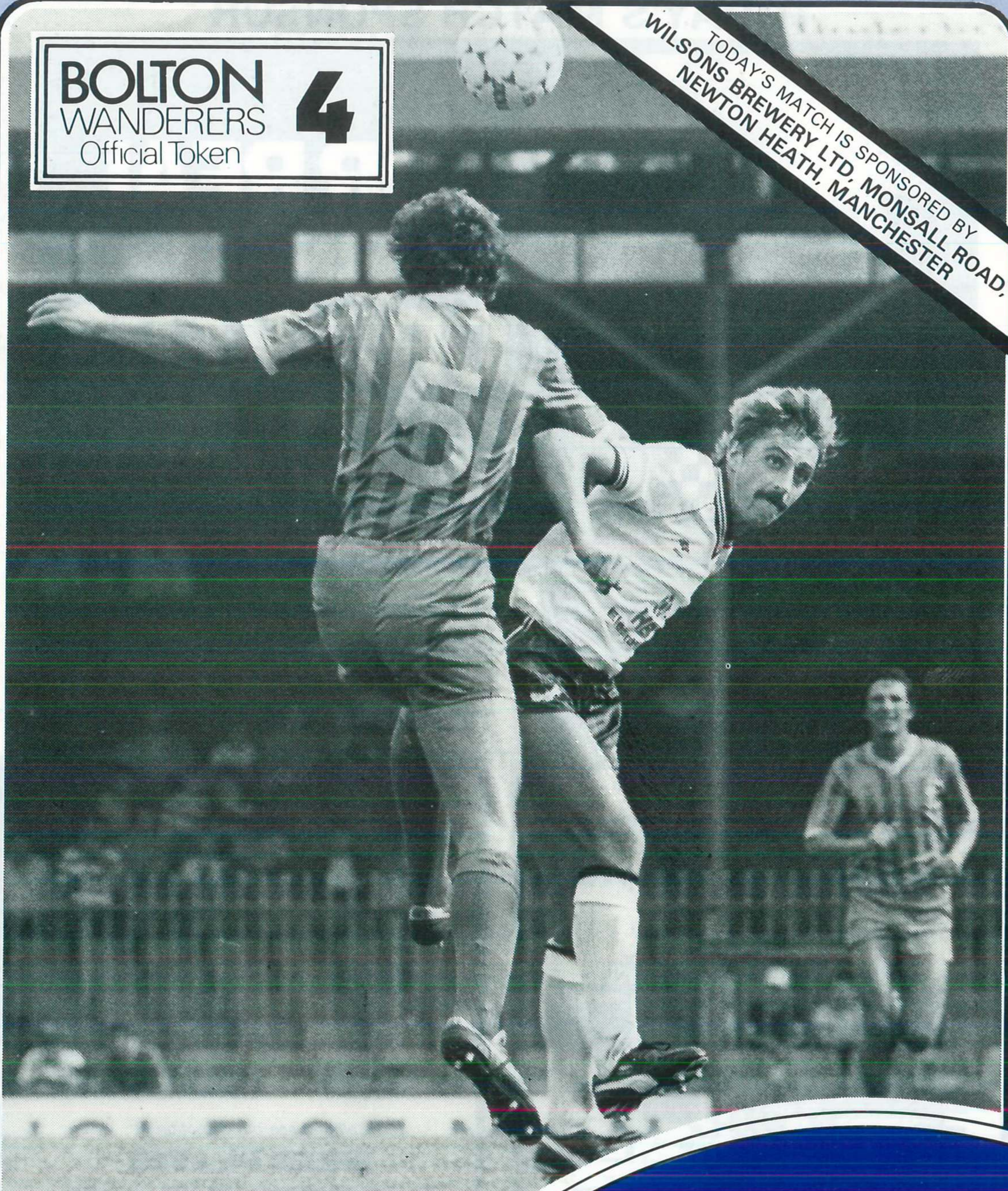


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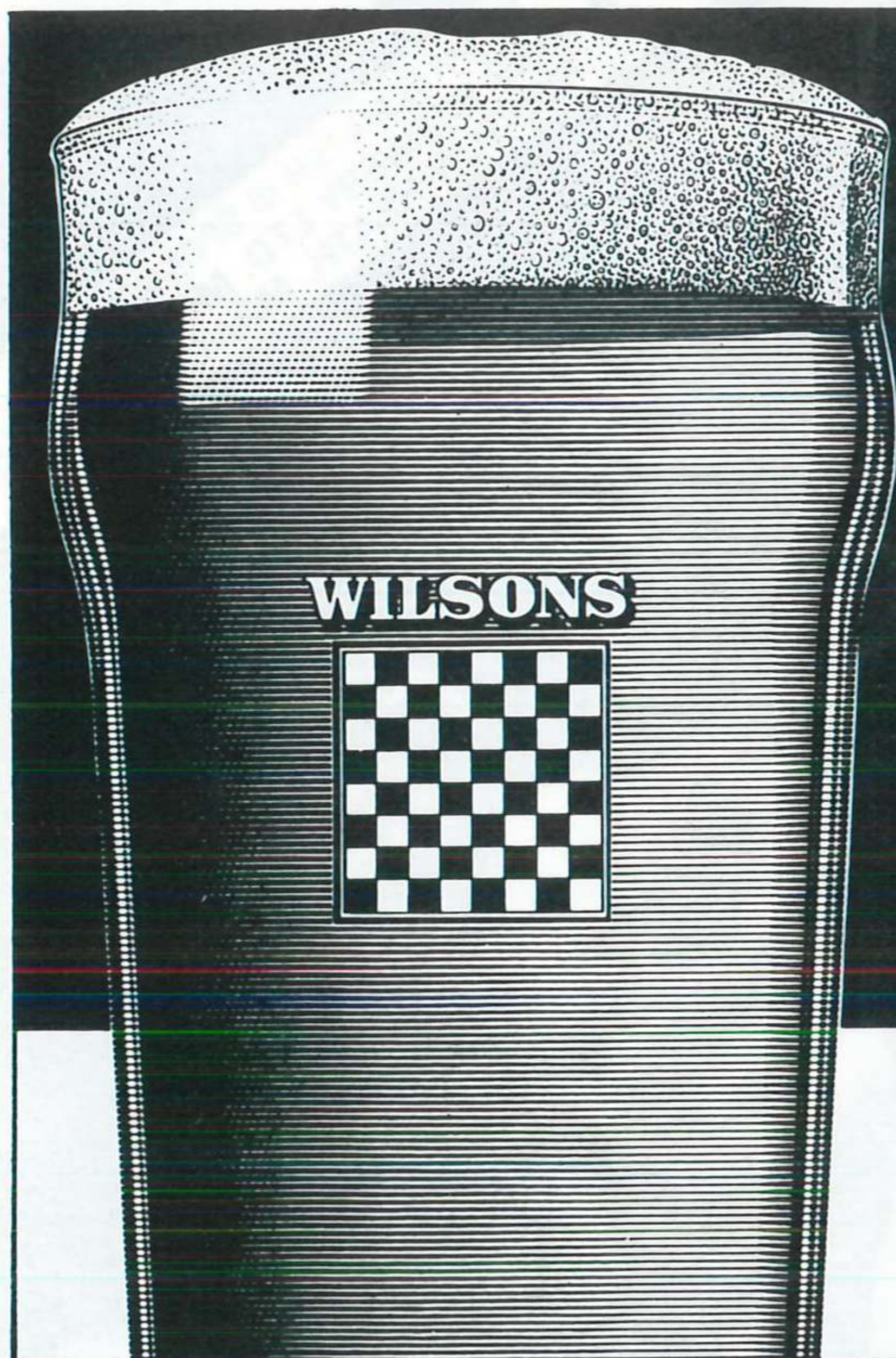


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John McGovern

Good afternoon and on behalf of Bolton Wanderers I would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, directors and supporters of Rotherham United. And to Millers' manager George Kerr who, since his arrival, has brought about almost as many changes in his playing staff as I have here at Burnden Park.

Rotherham, like ourselves, have had a good start to the season and will be looking along with us to be among the front runners as the season progresses.

Actually, at one time I would have been interested in signing a couple of the players George sold recently. But in each case the fees — £45,000 for Joe McBride who went to Oldham and £35,000 for Ronnie Moore who joined Charlton — put them just out of our reach.

Nevertheless, I have continued to make a number of enquiries for players this week, although up to the time of going to press no deal had actually been completed.

Having cut down in numbers since last season and having been forced to turn out scratch teams as we did at Manchester United for our Central League game on Tuesday, I feel there is a real need to have one or possibly two more players on the payroll.

It will certainly make me feel a little more comfortable if I can manage to increase the size of our squad.

Meanwhile the players themselves have set great standards already this season and anyone I sign in the future will have to match up to those standards.

For us to force Scunthorpe to defend with five at the back on their home ground shows that we are not willing to settle for a point in any match.

And although I am never one to crib with referees' decisions, Allan Clarke's admission that he thought we should have had a penalty when Steve Thompson was brought down said it all.

"That was the week that was". Out of the Milk Cup at Chester and then losing out at Scunthorpe despite a good performance.

After the Scunthorpe game the players themselves were pleased with the way they had performed and a laugh and a joke on the homeward journey was quite justified — as was the stoney silence two days earlier on the way home from Chester!

Those games are behind us now and on a personal note I just hope that we can enjoy two home games on the trot with two larger-than-average crowds, today and against Burnley on Tuesday night, which should provide us with something of a "derby" atmosphere.

My message to you, the fans, is to enjoy the football, keep out of trouble and thanks for coming!



FRONT COVER: Tony Caldwell in an aerial battle against Wimbledon.



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Welcome to the Park

ROTHERHAM

GREAT START BY ROTHERHAM

FROM: TONY PULLEIN

Rotherham, one of the clubs relegated with us at the end of last season, made a great start to the new season and the Millers are now confident they can jump back into the Second Division at the first attempt.

After being held to a 2-2 draw at Southend on the opening day, Rotherham won their next three League matches — Port Vale (h) 2-1, Plymouth (h) 2-0 and Exeter (a) 1-0. The Millers also defeated Hartlepool 1-0 on aggregate in the first round of the Milk Cup.

Relegation ended a two-year stay in Division Two for Rotherham and, shortly before the drop became inevitable, they parted company with player-manager Emlyn Hughes.

George Kerr, the former Lincoln and Grimsby manager, took over in April but it was too late to halt the slide. Rotherham won only one of their closing seven games and finished third from bottom.

During the close-season Mr Kerr returned to his old club Grimsby to sign three players — defenders Andy O'Dell and Phil Crosby plus striker Kevin Kilmore.

The Rotherham boss also made one other very important signing, Alan Stevenson the former England under-23 goalkeeper, a constant member of the Burnley team for 11 years, was recruited to give more stability to the defence.

Two weeks ago he sold striker Joe McBride to Oldham for £45,000, then last week Ronnie Moore to Charlton, for £30,000.

Rotherham's decline last season was the more disappointing because only the previous season they had figured prominently in the promotion race. They eventually finished seventh.

Rotherham have certainly been experiencing the extremes of soccer life in recent years. They were relegated to the Fourth Division in 1973 because of inferior goal-average to three other clubs who were level with them on points.

The following season they finished in the bottom half of the Fourth Division table but in 1975 they took third place in the table to reclaim their place in Division Three.

After a season of struggle against relegation, the Millers bounced back and, in 1976/77, they were

denied promotion to Division Two only on goal-average.

Since the Millers' form has been indifferent. In 1977/78 they finished fifth from bottom, only narrowly escaping relegation, after a long struggle. For the following two seasons they were usually seen in the lower half of the division table.

But in 1981 they won the Third Division championship in style to return to the Second Division once more.

The Rotherham club was formed as Thornhill United in 1884 and took only nine years to gain election to the Second Division of the Football League.

Rotherham's first taste of League football lasted only three years for they were voted out of the competition in 1896. But they were restored to the Second Division in 1919. Four years later they were relegated to the Third Division (North) where they remained until 1951.

Rotherham suffered appalling luck before ultimately gaining promotion in 1951. In 1946/47 they totalled 64 points yet failed to win promotion! It was their misfortune to find Doncaster in such scintillating form that season, and in the days when only one club went up, Rotherham had to be satisfied with runners-up spot.

Rotherham won their opening 20 home League games that season but their hopes of achieving a 100 per cent record smashed when they were held to 3-3 by Rochdale in the final game of the season.

The following season Rotherham scored 59 points — one short of Lincoln's tally — and in 1948/49 they finished runners-up for the third season in succession. They lost a lot of heart after that but in 1951 they achieved their reward when topping the table with 71 points.

It looked as if the Millers would go into the First Division in 1955. When the final tables were calculated Birmingham, Luton and Rotherham all had 54 points but — in the days of two-up — they were forced into third place on goal-average.

Their long reign in Second Division football continued until 1968.

Now it looks as if Millmoor fans could well be treated to yet another promotion season.



BACK LINE: Phil Henson (Player Coach), Billy McEwan (Player Coach), Nigel Johnson, John Green (now Scunthorpe), Ray Mountford, Robert Mimms, Ronnie Moore (now Charlton), Phil Walker, George Kerr (Manager), Barry Claxton (Assistant Manager).
CENTRE LINE: Gerry Forrest, Kevin Kilmore, John Seaman, Ian Alexander, Phil Crosby, Bobby Mitchell.
FRONT LINE: Andy O'Dell, Mark Rhodes, John Durham, Paul Friar, Joe McBride (now Oldham).

ALAN STEVENSON (Goalkeeper). Alan ended his 11-year association with Burnley when he signed for Rotherham this summer. He began his career with Chesterfield and was transferred to Burnley for £50,000 in 1972. He was capped 11 times at England under-23 level.

GERRY FORREST (Defender). Gerry, a Rotherham discovery, has been a fixture at right-back since his debut in 1977 and chalked up his 250th League appearance last season.

ANDY O'DELL (Defender). Andy did his apprenticeship with Grimsby and got his chance in their League eleven two seasons ago. He joined Rotherham this summer.

NIGEL JOHNSON (Defender). Nigel made his League debut last season. He is a former Rotherham apprentice.

PHIL CROSBY (Defender). Phil won England youth honours in his early days with Grimsby and was blooded in their League eleven in 1979/80. He made 39 League appearances for the Mariners before signing for Rotherham this summer.

MICK GOODING (Midfield). Originally signed from Bishop Auckland. Moved to Chesterfield last December in exchange for Phil Walker. Returned to Rotherham 2 weeks ago.

BILLY McEWAN (Midfield). Billy has played well over 300 games in the Scottish and Football Leagues, starting with Hibernian in 1969/70. After a brief stay with Blackpool in 1973, he moved on to Brighton and in 1974 he was transferred to Chesterfield. Further moves took him to Mansfield in

1976 and to Peterborough a year later. Rotherham signed him in 1979.

MARK RHODES (Midfield). Mark was given his League baptism by Rotherham in 1975 and has now made well over 200 appearances for the Millers. He lost his place last season when he spent loan periods with Darlington and Mansfield.

BOBBY MITCHELL (Midfield). Bobby's first professional club was Sunderland but he got only rare opportunities with them. He joined Blackburn in 1976 and spent two years with them before moving on to Grimsby. Carlisle signed him during the 1982 close-season but he moved on to Rotherham towards the end of last season.

KEVIN KILMORE (Forward). Kevin opened his career with Scunthorpe and, after topping their scoring list with 17 in 1978/79, he was snapped up by Grimsby for £60,000. Rotherham signed him this summer. Kevin is a former England youth international.

PHIL WALKER (Forward). Phil scored twice in his first game for Rotherham against Grimsby last December, following his transfer from Chesterfield. He made his League debut for Chesterfield in 1977/78 and completed more than 150 League appearances for them.

TERRY DONOVAN (Forward). Liverpool born son of the former Everton full-back Don Donovan. Made his name with Grimsby before a six-figure transfer to Aston Villa. Signed for Burnley in February 1983. Joined Rotherham for £15,000 last week and made his debut last Saturday.

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Previous Encounters

Today's game with the "Millers" will be the 17th football league game between the two sides. To date the Yorkshiremen have won 7 games to the Wanderers 3 with a goal difference of 23 for and 16 against.

The first meeting took place in the 2nd division here at Burnden in October 1964 when Bolton ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Gordon Taylor and a Francis Lee penalty before a 14,001 crowd.

The return at Millmoor ended scoreless with the Wanderers suffering from a crop of injuries during this period.

The following season Rotherham did the double with a 2-1 home win in November followed by a 3-1 win at Burnden the following April.

Both games in season 1966/67 took place in August with a 2-2 draw resulting at Burnden followed by Bolton's only league win at Rotherham. A goal from Gordon Taylor was enough to bring the points back over the Pennines and extend Bolton's unbeaten start to the season to four games.

The following season saw Rotherham relegated to the third division but not before they had taken three points from Bolton with a 2-0 home win and a 2-2 away draw.

The next four games took place during Bolton's last spell in the 3rd division in season 1971/72 and 1972/73. Rotherham won both their home games without conceding a goal whilst Bolton won one and drew one of their home games.

Back in the 2nd division in 1981-82 United once again did the double winning 2-0 at Millmoor and 1-0 at Burnden with a goal from John Seaman, this win coming during a spell of nine consecutive league wins.

Last season a 2-2 draw resulted here at Burnden. John Seaman gave the visitors the lead before Chris Thompson in his first appearance of the season equalised. In the 33rd minute Ian Moores put the Wanderers in front, heading home a Chandler cross.

Rotherham equalised in the 54th minute when Gerry Gow ran 25 yards unchallenged before shooting home. The teams were: Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Deakin, McGovern, Jones, McElhinney, Chandler, Henry, Rudge, Moores, C. Thompson. Sub: Foster for Whitworth.

Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, McEwan, Hughes, Green, Towner, Gow, Moore, Seaman, McBride. Sub: Henson.

At Millmoor the game ended in a 1-1 draw with Rotherham taking a 7th minute lead through a Joe McBride free kick.

Jeff Chandler equalised half an hour later to earn a point from a game that saw Neil Redfearn make his football league debut for Bolton.

In the League Cup we have been drawn together twice with Rotherham winning both times in 1960/61 and 1969/70 after two replays.

'FLASHBACK'

15 years ago

18th September 1968. The Wanderers came back to form with a 4-1 midweek victory over Aston Villa at Burnden. Captain Gareth Williams left the field with a leg injury to be replaced by substitute Warwick Rimmer.

The goals came from a Roy Greaves double, Freddie Hill and John Hulme. Greaves also earned himself a booking.

21st September 1968. Bolton visited Hull City and had to make their first change of the season to the starting line up, in a run of 10 games. Warwick Rimmer kept his place with Gareth Williams not having recovered and Dave Lennard stepping into the substitute spot. Lennard in fact came on in the 76th minute in place of Gordon Taylor who had pulled a hamstring but it was too late to stop the Wanderers going down to their third defeat of the season losing by an only goal.

10 years ago

15th September 1973. Crystal Palace who still had to win their first game of the season visited Bolton and went away still holding the same record going down by 2-0. The first half belonged to Palace with Don Rogers, Alan Whittle and Derek Possee all bringing the best out of Wanderers' keeper Barry Siddall. Stuart Lee opened the scoring for Bolton in the 55th minute with a cracking right foot shot. John Byrom put the game beyond Palace's reach in the 75th minute when he scored from close range after some good work from Lee.

22nd September 1973. Bolton's run of four second division games without defeat came to an end when they went down to a Viv Busby header in the 30th minute at Fulham.

Neil Whatmore came on in the 65th minute for Peter Nicholson to sample his first taste of second division football. He was unlucky not to score when he hoisted an easy chance over the bar.

5 years ago

23rd September 1978. Bolton staged a dramatic recovery by defeating Norwich City 3-2 at Burnden after being 2-1 down at the interval.

Frank Worthington had given the Wanderers a 19th minute lead only for Keith Robson in the 33rd minute and Kevin Reeves in the 43rd minute to give Norwich a half time lead.

A minute into the second half Bolton were level when Neil Whatmore shot home a Worthington cross.

In the 52nd minute Worthington scored the winner when he ran onto a Roy Greaves pass to slip the ball under the sprawling Baker in the City goal.

Campbell.

Taylor and the rest of his Second Division team — MacFarland and Mick Jones — have a sit-yourself plan to get their man. Derby, who nearly went out of business last year, also bought Nottingham Forest for £135,000 this summer.

Club News
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● The Eire international striker now prove he's worth to pull on the famous red shirt.

● After signing a four-year contract with the League champions, Robinson last night said: "This has to be the ultimate achievement."

Three minutes from time Martin Peters could have earned a draw for Norwich when a left wing cross found him unmarked but he screwed his shot wide.

John Ritson left the Wanderers during this week and signed for neighbours Bury.

Record almost equalled

The 8-1 win over Walsall here at Burnden was not quite the Wanderers best ever football league win. Barnsley went down 8-0 in season 1934/35. What a pity Ally Brown scored in the final minute as record wins this day and age are very few and far between.

Incidentally, the last team to lose 8-1 at Burnden was, believe it or not, Liverpool in May 1932, whilst the Wanderers won 8-1 at Southport in a Football League War match in May 1940.

In both games players chipped in with four goals, Jack Milsom against Liverpool and Walter Sidebottom against Southport.

Tony Caldwell's feat of five goals not only became a club record for a Football League game but equalled the third division record. Other players to score five goals in a game in the third division are Earle (Fulham), Thomas (Scunthorpe), East (Swindon) and Wood (Shrewsbury). Wood's being the last to take place back in October 1971.

On the same day as our 8-1 win, Blackburn defeated Derby at Ewood by 5-1 with Simon Garner netting all five goals for the Rovers. The BBC in their results service were claiming that Garner had in fact scored five for Bolton! What do you have to do to get on TV? — score six in a game.

Reserve Report

7th September 1983 Newcastle Reserves 3 Bolton Reserves 0

The Wanderers sent a team of trialists and apprentices for the first away Central League game of the season. Only John McGovern, Neil Berry and Steve Thompson had sampled league football and all had travelled to Gillingham the previous day.

Goalkeeper Ian Senior and full back Mike Queenan both on Manchester City's books last season were the trialists along with the return of Dave Fitzharris at left back who has been playing non league football with Horwich, Glossop and Witton.

The left back position had been a problem for the Wanderers as Eric Snookes was suffering from hamstring trouble and Jimmy Phillips from glandular fever.

Goalkeeper Senior was unlucky when he twisted his knee early on and despite being mobile was in a lot of pain.

Newcastle had a half time lead of one goal with the Wanderers best chance falling to Johnathon Gautrey who headed just wide.

In the second half the North Easterners grew stronger and their obvious experience showed as they knocked in another two goals without reply.

Team: Senior, Queenan, Fitzharris, McGovern, Berry, Bolton, Walker, Thompson, Keighley, Roberts, Gautrey. Sub: Davies.

Don't forget the reserves' next game here is on September 28th 7.00 kick off when Sheffield Wednesday are the visitors.

Supporters Association News

A reminder to all members that meetings take place every Monday evening at 7.30 here at the Ground in the Players' Lounge, entrance via the small door by the Souvenir Shop.

Football Programme Fair

Don't forget the 9th annual football programme fair which is to be held at the Pack Horse Hotel, Bradshawgate, Bolton on the 2nd October 1983 between 11.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Thousands of programmes both old and new will be available and Junior Whites will be admitted free of charge on production of their membership card.

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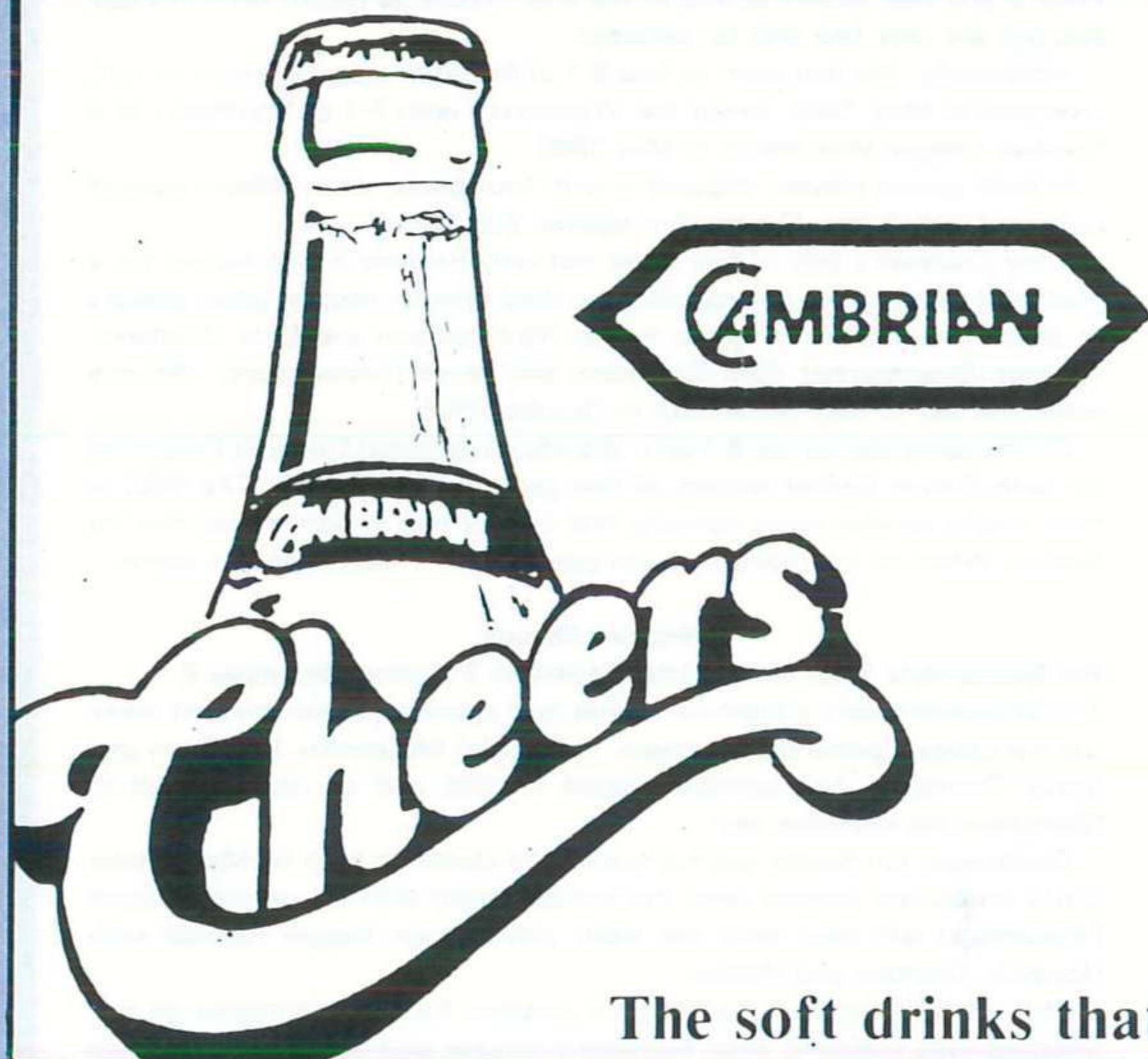


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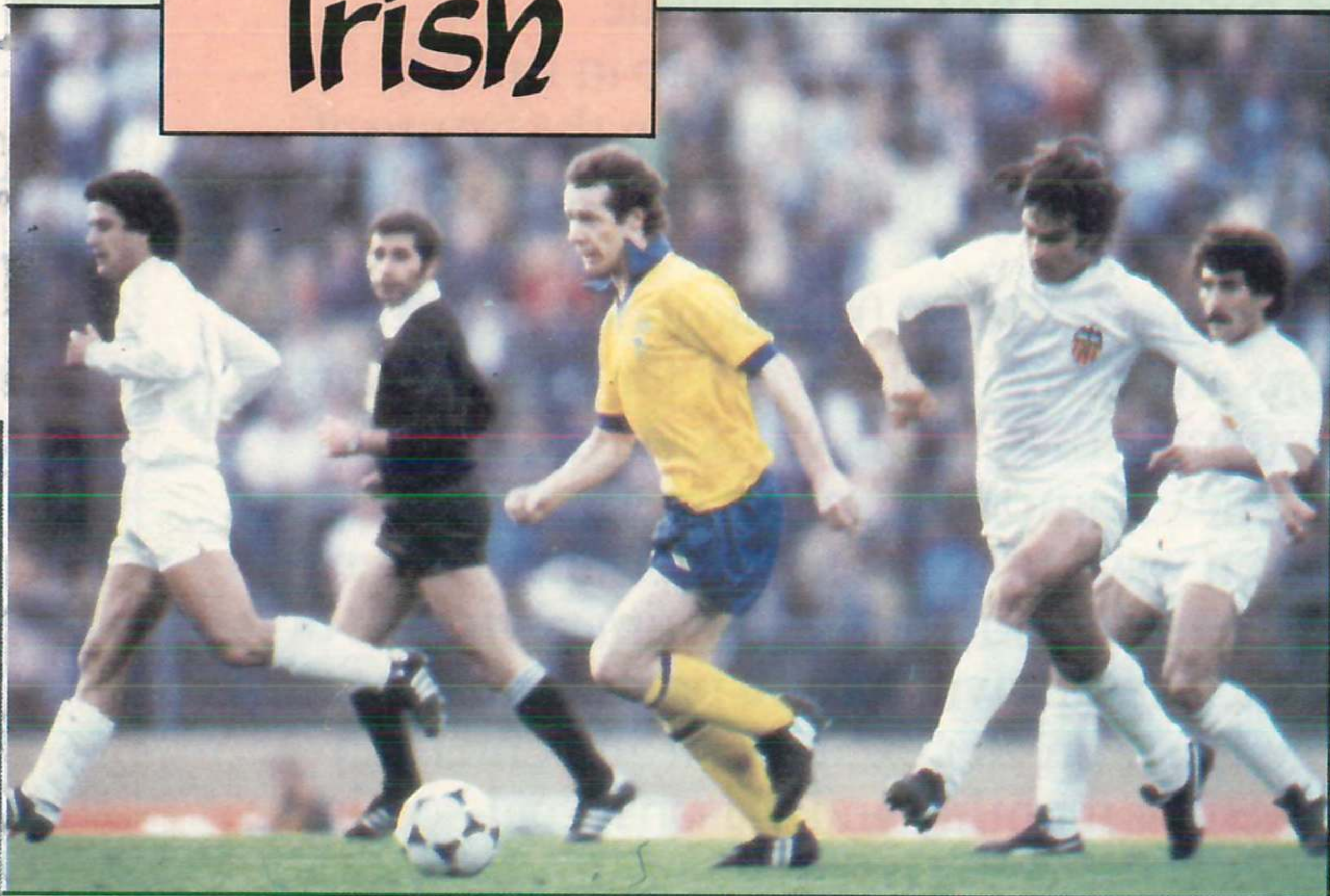


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No Luck For The Irish

Holland have yet to entertain Spain who should increase their points tally to 13 when they host their final game against Malta. This means that the Dutch cannot afford any slip ups at all if they are to nudge their way to the top of the table . . . But Spain remain the clear favourites.

The Italian's claimed they were victims of a conspiracy with everyone ganging up to destroy them, but a home defeat at the hands of Sweden added to the World Champions failure to beat Cyprus, Rumania and Czechoslovakia in the European Championship have only



Republic of Ireland team manager Eoin Hand was just a spectator at the last World Cup Final tournament in Spain yet he returned home convinced there was only one style of play to emulate and that was the Brazilian.

But despite the fact the he has some of Europe's most gifted individuals at his disposal, players of the calibre of Liam Brady, Frank Stapleton (Manchester United) and David O'Leary (Arsenal), the team were plunged into trouble right from the start of their European campaign when in the first minute of their opening game, in Rotterdam Holland took the lead when Shoeniker capitalised on some dreadful sloppy defensive play.

The Irish eventually lost the game 2-1 and although a 2-0 victory over Iceland put them back in the picture their overall performances were erratic and three points lost to Spain virtually ended their interest in the competition.

Indeed Spain, so inept in the World Cup Finals on their home ground, have proved the ones to catch. Undefeated in six outings they hold a massive six point lead over Kees Rijvers' young Dutch side, and although this lead is a little flattering because the Spanish have played two more games than their closest rivals, it is always better to have the points than the games in hand.

underlined that Enzo Bearzot's team are a spent force.

After their success in Spain the Italian dilemma seems utterly preposterous but even when they were given an opportunity to redeem their situation, when the group leaders Rumania crashed at home to Czechoslovakia, they were unable to take advantage . . .

Fielding 10 of their World Cup winning side in Gothenburg they were well and truly beaten 2-0 by a competent Swedish side and had it not been for the great Dino Zoff in goal the result could have been far more emphatic.

Now Zoff has retired and Bearzot's bet, that he would make it to France with the same team that won him the World Cup, is well and truly lost.

The scrap now continues between Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Sweden and it is anyones game. The Rumanian's have a two point advantage at the moment, but have played all their home games, and still have to visit the Czechs.

The Czechs — the team with a game in hand — must win that game, and if they can also beat Italy at home in November, could still afford to lose their most difficult commitment — away to Sweden and qualify.

RUSSIA FAVOURITES

In Group Two, the ever improving Portugal proved their point by beating Poland, last year's World Cup semi-finalists, 2-1 in Lisbon, but the club v country conflict has been even more destructive there than it is in this country and the national team has suffered accordingly.

A bruising 5-0 defeat in Moscow helped establish Russia as the leading contenders in this group, particularly when Poland dropped further points with home draws against Finland (1-1) and Russia (1-1).

Dynamo Kiev coach Valery Lobanovsky, took control of the Soviet team after the World Cup, and he has moulded an effective combination together based on a very sound defence.

The Russian's have yet to meet Poland in Moscow and visit Portugal but with only two games remaining and a three point advantage — not to mention an enormous goal difference — the USSR can already make their plans for a summer trip to France.

HOW THEY STAND

Group II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR.....	4	3	1	0	9	1	7
POLAND.....	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
PORTUGAL.....	3	2	0	1	4	6	4
FINLAND.....	5	0	1	4	3	9	1

To play:

21. 9.83	Portugal — Finland
9.10.83	Russia — Poland
28.10.83	Poland — Portugal
13.11.83	Portugal — Russia

Group V

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RUMANIA.....	6	4	1	1	7	2	9
CZECHS.....	5	2	3	0	12	5	7
SWEDEN.....	6	3	1	2	10	5	7
ITALY.....	5	0	3	2	3	6	3
CYPRUS.....	6	0	2	4	3	17	2

To play:

21. 9.83	Sweden — Czechoslovakia
15.10.83	Italy — Sweden
12.11.83	Cyprus — Rumania
16.11.83	Czechoslovakia — Italy
30.11.83	Czechoslovakia — Rumania
22.12.83	Italy — Cyprus

Group VII

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SPAIN.....	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
HOLLAND.....	4	2	1	1	9	3	5
REP. IRELAND..	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
ICELAND.....	6	1	1	4	7	7	3
MALTA.....	5	1	0	4	4	12	2

To play:

7. 9.83	Holland — Iceland
21. 9.83	Iceland — Republic of Ireland
12.10.83	Republic of Ireland — Holland
16.11.83	Holland — Spain
	Republic of Ireland — Malta
17.12.83	Holland — Malta
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Bradley's BRIEF



Ray Bradley of
the 'Sunday
Express' writes
for you

Now that we have entered the season of good will — our legislators have virtually banned the professional foul — the big question is: Who is going to finish first?

The bookies, who never believe in giving a sucker an even break, have no doubts. They installed Liverpool as hot favourites to lift the title again before a ball was kicked in earnest.

Like Nero, the first Roman emperor to place the first three in a chariot race — his bet was struck after the finish — those benevolent gentlemen rarely miss out on a good thing.

Betting against Liverpool seems as pointless as handing out speeding tickets at Silverstone because they have a track record second to none. But I wonder. The seeds of doubt, at least for me, were shown at the end of last season when Liverpool were huffing and puffing to get those last few points to clinch the championship.

The goals dried up, their defence started to make mistakes and manager Bob Paisley started to give his team a bit of stick as they crashed to a string of defeats. Was it complacency? Was the old confidence missing because there was a defective part in a well-oiled machine? We will never really know because their rivals never really put them under pressure and, in the end, handed them the trophy on a platter.

In the summer they moved swiftly into the transfer market but three players turned them down before they finally signed Mike Robinson from Brighton as added insurance against such hiccups this term. But the vulnerability was there for all to see and their opponents must take some refuge from it this season.

NEW ENGLAND CAP?

Spurs go into a new campaign brimming with confidence and will certainly offer Liverpool sterner competition this season. In the past **Tottenham**, for all their success in one-off cup competitions, have flattered only to deceive in League combat.

At their best they are a match for anyone. They have a marvellous midfield trio, full of skill and invention, an attack sharpened by the arrival of Alan Brazil a real go-for-goal Scot, and those chinks in their defensive armour should now be shut by two very shrewd summer signings . . . Danny Thomas and Gary Stevens.

Thomas proved at Coventry that he is one of the most versatile young defenders in the League. Spurs watched him for some time and while others dithered, assistant manager Peter Shreeves moved in smartly to sign him when his contract at troubled Highfield Road ran out.

Besides being a very good defensive player, Thomas is equally adept in midfield and quick

to seize the chance to go forward and have a pop at goal. At Coventry his talents were often obscured by a side lacking in basic confidence, but they should blossom at Spurs in a team that likes to attack.

He has a sharp competitive edge, a quality that should bring out the best in Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles, flair players who need to be given the ball in the open space.

Gary Stevens, a £350,000 summer signing from Brighton, will also add composure at the back. He is a slim, skilled defender who looks destined to play for England this season. Gary was Brighton's outstanding player against Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley and manager Jimmy Melia told me after the game that he had recommended him to Bobby Robson for England honours almost continually last season.

STARTERS

"The lad has been playing out of his skin all season; he is the best young defender in the country," said Melia who was heart broken when he had to part with him.

Stevens, like Thomas, is delighted with a summer move to Tottenham and eager to win over hard to please fans. "It was a big wrench leaving Brighton after five happy seasons there," he says with commendable loyalty. "I know the fans at Brighton were a bit upset after voting me their Player of the Year, but it was a dream move for me and a player must make the most of his chances in a short career."

Like Gary Mabbutt last term, he is sure to make instant impact with Spurs supporters who now feel they have a team second to none. There will be stern competition for places this term and that could give Tottenham the competitive edge they have lacked previously in their bid to bring back the title to North London.

Chairman Douglas Alexiou typifies the new mood of confidence at White Hart Lane when he stresses: "We have a young, progressive board who give our manager full backing. We have worked hard to make the club commercially viable after building a new stand. But ultimately the success of any club is down to the players and we now feel that we have a squad as strong as any club in the country."

Manchester United are another team brimming with confidence after winning the F.A. Cup. That was an important first for manager Ron Atkinson who has rebuilt the side over the past two seasons. United snapped up Scottish winger Arthur Graham in the summer and Atkinson has promised the fans another big signing with a lucrative European campaign coming up.

"Winning the F.A. Cup at Wembley has only whetted our appetite," says Big Ron. "To compete with the Liverpools of this world you must have strength in depth and cover for all positions."

Yes, the big spenders look set to dominate the championship race again with Spurs my fancy to edge home next May in a thrilling tussle. Looking for an outsider is a mug's game according to the bookies. But I will have a few bob on Stoke, a team that have really taken off since Richie Barker was installed as manager.

Barker has to work on a much smaller budget but shrewdly picked up midfielder Robbie James for £150,000 in the summer plus Dennis Tueart on a free transfer. I think they could frighten quite a few opponents this season. So does my local bookie who shaves the odds every day.



RON ATKINSON walked tall across the Wembley turf for the fourth time in five months when he lead out FA Cup winners Manchester United for the Charity Shield match against Liverpool.

"It's getting boring, boring" jokes the man labelled flash and brash by those distant folk blinded with the materialistic trimmings of gold and silver that adorn his person. His quick fire response could be misconstrued as glib sensationalism at times, an attempt even at self-aggrandisement, but only by those who don't really know the man.

That just isn't Ron's nature. He is an intelligent astute man, acutely aware of his own importance yes, but prone to daydreaming at times. What shines through more than anything is his capacity to enjoy what he is doing.

"I get a lot of fun out of life," he stresses "and very often that side of me is exaggerated and publicised to the exclusion of things I have done in terms of football."

And it is his achievements on the field that mean so much to Atkinson the born winner. "Everyone tells you before you go to Wembley that it is a great feeling leading your team out," he says. "I will accept that to a certain extent after the experience at the Milk Cup Final. But I was much more interested in taking a team back down the tunnel with a trophy in our hands. That

was ten times the feeling of walking out.

"And I believe that win against Brighton could be the breakthrough for the club, for me, for the players, for everyone associated with Manchester United.

"Our ambition is to eventually take over the role of Liverpool as the premier team in the country. I believe we already are the premier club but we need success at Wembley and subsequently in Europe and then we can fly to the moon.

"I came into management determined to be the best and that is still my ambition. I have been a little fortunate during my ten years in the profession, but I have left every club I have been to in

accept the challenge.

What is the key to his brand of management. "I'm good, I'm good that's all it is," he mumbles, as he packs his bags for another trip south: "No seriously I don't know. My style has not altered a great deal since I was at Kettering. Obviously the intensity of the situation has changed and the demands are different but it is a question of adjusting.

"I don't think you can go to many places with pre-conceived ideas. I learnt that very early on at Kettering where initially

RON

a much better position than that in which I found it, and I think sometimes that is the mark of a manager."

Kettering Town, Cambridge United — who were 92nd in the League when Ron took charge in December 1974 — and West Bromwich Albion, had all benefited from his leadership before Manchester United asked him to rebuild their tarnished image in June 1981. He wasn't United's first choice we know, but there were few others big enough to

**BY
COLIN
BENSON**



there were one or two players I thought would have to be moved on. I kept them and they did very well for me, so that was a valuable lesson.

"I have made very few changes in personnel early on except at Manchester United. I made a lot of changes to the clubs approach to games and to training routines but the rest was always gradual.

"At Manchester United however I felt that changes had to be made very quickly and in the first three months we crammed in two years work. We changed the teams style, swapped players around and introduced new players who we felt would be worthy of the club.

from people like Ray Wilkins was excellent. We asked Ray to do things that it seemed he had forgotten and he did them well."

Atkinson's passion for the game is as intense now as when he was a schoolkid. Brought up in Liverpool and then in the Midlands, he played soccer for Wolves and Aston Villa before making a career at Oxford United.

"We were very poor. I had to go to school in a second-hand car," he cracks cheekily before returning to reality. But Atkinson's story is not one of rags to riches in fact this son of an engineer reflects; "we always had a very happy home life.

"I've got to be honest and say I have never had a time

am the most surprised person around if we get beaten."

At whatever level of the game he has been involved, Ron has always managed to foster a good relationship with his players. He has two England captains, Bryan Robson and Ray Wilkins on his staff but there is no denying whose the boss.

"Ray is one of soccer's genuine nice guys, one of the best fellows in the game," says Atkinson, "but at first I found I had to chide him to get what I wanted out of him.

"As for Bryan Robson we have built up a healthy respect for each other over the years. We still have many a stand up rattle at each other if we feel it necessary but Robbo is a mans man and will say his piece if he feels he is right. And if I don't agree I will make sure he knows my point of view very forcibly."

Atkinson has the capacity to turn fantasy into reality. He did it at Kettering and would surely have brought them into the Football League had he stayed another year. He did it at Cambridge United, transforming the bottom club in the League into a Second Division outfit, while at the Hawthorns he brought entertainment back to West Brom. Now it's Manchester United's turn to prosper from the Atkinson magic, and with the resources at their disposal he could just make them Europe's number one.

ATKINSON

"People had to be made to believe in playing in a more positive fashion. They certainly had to become more competitive at getting the ball. I felt we weren't any good at all at winning back the ball and that had to be dealt with quickly and in two ways. First the existing players had to be made to realise their responsibility in this respect and secondly we brought new players in with that quality. Robson, Moses, Stapleton and Gidman.

"But the response we got

in my life that wasn't good. Never had a bad time in my life, a period that I haven't enjoyed.

"There might have been the odd season when things have not gone right but I have never ever been involved with a side that was really struggling.

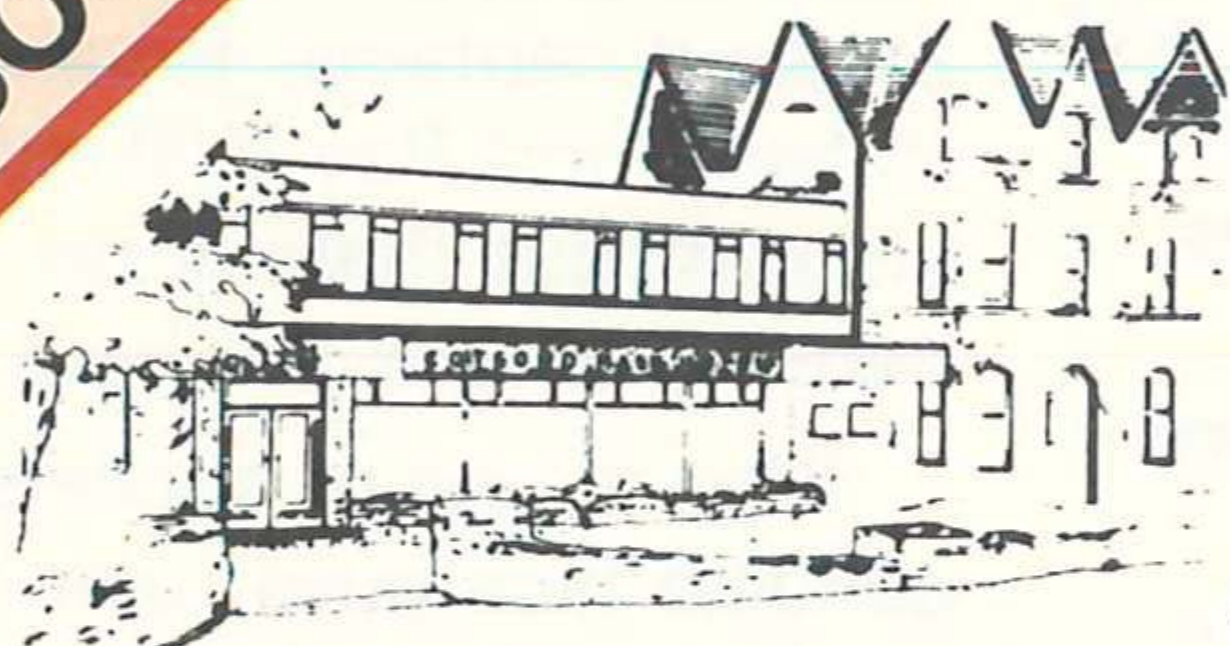
"Mind you I never set out to struggle. It might sound very obvious but it is very factual. I always believe that I will win every football match. As a player I believed that and as a manager I believe it and I

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Action Replays Frozen



ARSENAL might have to fork out something like a million pounds for that big Diamond Screen they were talking about installing at Highbury last season. But before they splash out on such a venture they might be influenced by the decision of UEFA to forbid the use of such electronic paraphernalia in the three UEFA club competitions.

It is forbidden to display match action either at normal speed or in slow motion on giant screens inside the stadia decided a UEFA Executive Committee.

The ban also applies to national representative

matches under the European football authorities control and that includes the European 'Under 21' international tournament, the 'Under-16' competition and the European Youth Championship.

The official reason is to ensure that these matches proceed undisturbed and unaffected by external influences, but it is hard to understand where the foundation for such speculation emanated from.

Giant screens were in operation in Spain for the World Cup Finals and did not give cause for concern. Indeed I doubt whether most of the players involved in those games were even aware of them.

In this country, the first public showing on the Diamond Vision Screen, at a football event, took place at the Atari Soccer Six-a-Side tournament, staged at the National Exhibition Centre, in Birmingham last autumn.

Diamond Vision is a combination of television screen and sophisticated electronic scoreboard and is the world's first full-colour giant video display system.

It can be used to show highlights from the game on screens 24ft x 36ft, can flash on screen action replays of goals or other incidents during the game and provide general information to the spectators.

It can also be used to transmit television commercials, and this is where the clubs themselves can hope to make capital out of this electronic wizardry.

Such equipment is a permanent feature of the fabulous Kingdome in Seattle, with a capacity of 65,000, the largest indoor stadium in the world.

In Britain Diamond Vision was used at the Royal Wedding Firework Display, the Grand National and London Marathons as well as for the Papal visit and does not seem to have detracted from the main event.

Europe Proves A Winner

At a time when football league attendances are falling all over the continent, the game received an encouraging boost with a marked increase in the number of people watching UEFA club competition matches last season.

In the European Champion Clubs' Cup there were 61 matches played — that is two fewer than in the previous season — and these ties attracted 1,718,075 spectators which was an incredible increase of 187,993 or 12.29%, compared with the previous year.

And it should be remembered also that one of those games, Aston Villa v Besiktas Istanbul, was played behind closed doors at Villa Park following a disciplinary measure taken against Villa following crowd disturbances in Belgium the previous season.

There was an even more startling increase in the figures covering the UEFA Cup, in which ironically the English representatives; Manchester United, Ipswich Town, Arsenal and

Southampton, fared badly. In this competition 127 games were played — that is one more than in the previous campaign — but the increase in paying customers was some 552,878 people.

The total attendances reached 2,800,051 in this competition, a relative increase of 24.60%, but it proves that although the UEFA Cup might be considered the poor relation in terms of prestige and glamour, to the European and European Cup Winners' Cups, in terms of generating cash it is a winner.

Indeed the only drop in attendance figures was recorded in the European Cup Winners' Cup, in which our representatives were Tottenham Hotspur. Although this competition provided two more games than in the previous year (65 matches), the overall attendance figures were some 79,919 down. The total spectators who watched were 1,424,104, compared to 1,504,023 in the season of 1981-82.

The total figures reveal that the three UEFA club competitions enjoyed an overall increase in spectators of 660,952, that is an upward trend of 12.52%.

Altogether Europe's money spinners were watched by a staggering audience of 5,942,230, an average of 23,487 over the 253 matches played.

English Girls Show Bobby Robson The Way

Bobby Robson is not the only one with Europe on his mind as the new football season gets under way. The England team boss is striving to lead the national side to the finals of the European Championship in France next summer but still has a tricky passage against Denmark and Hungary to negotiate.

For England's national womens team there is no such trepidation however. The English girls were the first to qualify in the first-ever UEFA Competition for National Women Teams, the preliminary phase of which will be completed this October.

After 32 of the 48 qualifying matches had been completed, England's young ladies were the only certainties, having taken a maximum 10 points from their five games against Scotland, The Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

And wouldn't Mr. Robson envy that 18 : 1 goal difference that our female footballers had achieved.

Sixteen teams entered the tournament, which commenced in August 1982, and it would seem that our girls will not have it all their own way in the finals.

Sweden too it seems know what the game is all about and lead group 1 in the qualifying series, in which they are up against Norway, Iceland and Finland, with four wins and a

whole table if they can maintain an unbeaten home record, having already beaten Belgium 1-0.

Here are the details:

Group 2 Results:

Northern Ireland 1 Scotland 2; England 7 Northern Ireland 1; Scotland 3 Republic of Ireland 0; Northern Ireland 1 Republic of Ireland 2; Scotland 0 England 4; Republic of Ireland 0 England 1; Republic of Ireland 1 Scotland 1; Scotland 3 Northern Ireland 0; Northern Ireland 0 England 4; England 2 Scotland 0.

Games to play: 11.9.83 England v Republic of Ireland

10.83 Republic of Ireland v Northern Ireland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	5	5	0	0	18	1	10
SCOTLAND	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
REP. OF IRELAND	4	1	1	2	3	6	3
NORTHERN IRELAND	5	0	0	5	3	18	0



19-year-old Kerry Davis (left) makes her debut against Northern Ireland. Kerry from Stoke scored two goals in this match and has now netted 8 in the tournament.

goal return of 19 for and none against.

Italy and France are locked in a tight tussle in group 3, both bracketed on six points, although Italy have a game in hand. The Italian girls would appear to possess that miserly defensive quality of their World Cup winning male peers however, having conceded just one goal, in a 1-0 defeat in France.

The Italian's have to travel to Portugal, who have drawn their previous home games, and then take on Switzerland who they have already beaten 2-0 away, and must remain favourites to qualify.

The final group is comprised of Holland, West Germany, Denmark and Belgium. The Dutch hold the initiative here with five points from four games — one more than their rivals — and a far superior goal difference, but their two outstanding fixtures are both away, in Germany and Denmark.

Denmark also host West Germany and so could upset the



Basildon striker Tracy Doe (left), in action against Northern Ireland.

Group 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SWEDEN	4	4	0	0	19	0	8
NORWAY	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
ICELAND	2	0	1	1	2	8	1
FINLAND	3	0	0	3	0	14	0

Group 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ITALY	4	3	0	1	8	1	6
FRANCE	5	2	2	1	4	4	6
SWITZERLAND	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
PORTUGAL	5	0	2	3	1	8	2

Group 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
HOLLAND	4	2	1	1	11	6	5
WEST GERMANY	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
DENMARK	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
BELGIUM	4	1	1	2	4	9	3

Bolton

A-Z

PART 4 BY TONY PULLEIN

BYROM, John.

John spent his formative days with Blackburn Rovers, winning England youth honours. He spent five seasons in their First Division side before coming to Bolton in 1966.

For eleven years he was a most consistent goalscorer, on four occasions finishing as top marksman. When he was approaching the end of his playing days, John returned to his old club Blackburn.

League record:

		Aps.	Gls.
BLACKBURN	1961/62	18	8
	1962/63	19	8
	1963/64	3	1
	1964/65	40	25
	1965/66	26(2)	3
	1966/67	25	6
	1967/68	23	9
	1968/69	21	6
	1969/70	40	20
	1970/71	22(1)	3
BOLTON	1971/72	37(1)	11
	1972/73	39(1)	20
	1973/74	32(1)	18
	1974/75	28	10
	1975/76	29(4)	10
	1976/77	—	—
	1976/77	15(1)	5
		417(11)	163

CANTELO, Len.

Len remains in the Bolton record books as the costliest player ever signed by the club, a fee of £350,000 changing hands when he joined us from West Bromwich Albion in May 1979. An England youth and under-23 international, Len spent three years with the club, his League record with us being:



	Aps.	Gls.
1979/80	30(1)	—
1980/81	25	2
1981/82	34	1
	89(1)	3

CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have on three occasions won a divisional championship:

Second Division Champions 1908/09 A season that opened disastrously was transformed into one of triumph following a vigorous public protest. Bolton lost the first match at Birmingham (0-2) and a later barren period saw the club sink into the lower regions of the table. Club shareholders delivered an ultimatum — new players had to be signed to halt the slide.

The directors promptly sold some of their older players and, with four new signings, results began to improve. The Wanderers finished the season in fine form, losing only one of their final 12 matches. A crowd of 30,000 saw the club defeat Derby 1-0 at Burnden Park on the final day of the season to make sure of promotion. The final leading positions:

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
BOLTON	38	24	4	10	59	28	52
TOTTENHAM	38	20	11	7	67	32	51
W.B.A.	38	19	13	6	56	27	51

Second Division Champions 1977/78 The Trotters got off to a fine start, dropping only one point in their opening six games and at no time during the entire season did we drop below third place. The partnership of Neil Whatmore and Frank Worthington produced a wealth of goals and, after the disappointment of missing promotion by just one point in each of the previous two seasons, there was a grim determination to make this the third time lucky.

A 1-0 win at Blackburn in our penultimate game guaranteed promotion. That was virtually a "home" game for us as the majority of the 27,835 crowd were Bolton fans. Rovers' average home gate had been only 12,000. A first-half goal from Frank Worthington gave us the points we needed.

We still needed at least a point to take the divisional championship, though. The crowd for the final game, at home to Fulham, was 34,110. The result a 0-0 draw. The title was ours:

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
BOLTON	42	24	10	8	63	33	58
SOUTHAMPTON	42	22	13	7	70	39	57
TOTTENHAM	42	20	16	6	83	49	56
BRIGHTON	42	22	12	8	63	38	56

The bizarre events of the 1923 F.A. Cup Final will be recalled in part 5 of our A - Z.

We shall also be featuring the finals of 1894 and 1904, our Third Division championship of 1972/73 and JEFF CHANDLER.

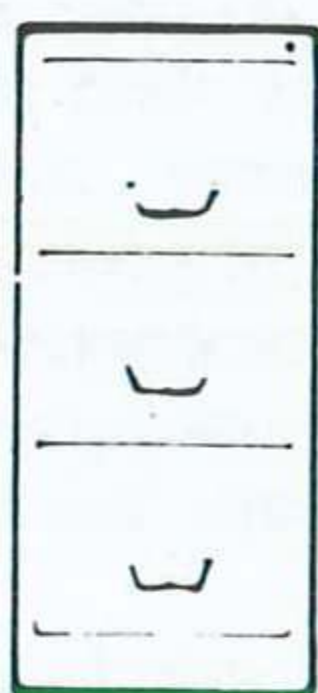
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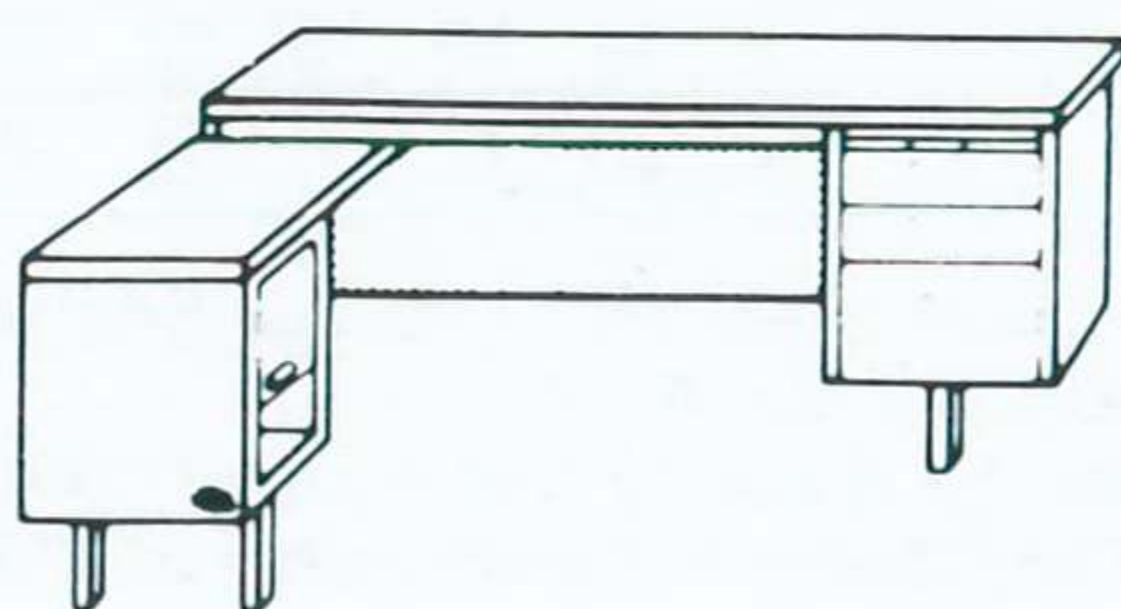
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A BUNCH OF FIVES

Tony Caldwell created a club scoring record with a fabulous five goal spree in the 8-1 win against Walsall. And here are the goals, one by one, which gave Tony his great moment of glory in only his fifth senior game for the club.

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Action

1. Surrounded by defenders, Tony manages to hook in a cross from Warren Joyce.
2. A first time shot caught everyone napping as Tony steered home a mighty clearance from Simon Farnworth.
3. Heads it's mine! Right on half time Tony heads his third.
4. Simon Rudge clears the way for Tony's fourth. The finishing touch to Gerry McElhinney's header gave Tony his fifth and a place in history.
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Date Opponents

1983	Aug. 27	Wimbledon
	30	Chester City MC1 (1st Leg)
Sept.	3	Bradford City
	6	Gillingham
	10	Walsall
	14	Chester City MC1 (2nd Leg)
	16	Scunthorpe United
	24	Rotherham United
	27	Burnley
Oct.	1	Bristol City
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 2 (1L7)
	8	Exeter City
	15	Newport County
	18	Hull City
	22	Port Vale
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 2 (2L)
Nov.	29	Southend United
	2	Lincoln City
	5	Orient
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 3
	12	Plymouth Argyle
	19	FA Cup 1
	26	AFC Bournemouth
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 4
Dec.	3	Brentford
	10	FA Cup 2
	17	Preston North End
	26	Wigan Athletic
	27	Oxford United
	31	Sheffield United
1984	2	Millwall
Jan.	7	Bradford C. (FA 3)
	14	Wimbledon
	Mid-week	Milk Cup 5
	21	Scunthorpe United
	28	Walsall (FA 4)
Feb.	4	Bristol Rovers
	Mid-week	Milk Cup SF (1L)
	11	Rotherham United
	14	Lincoln City
	Mid-week	Milk Cup SF (2L)
	17	Southend U. (FA 5)
	25	Port Vale
Mar.	3	Hull City
	6	Orient
	10	Plymouth A. (FA 6)
	17	Exeter City
	24	Newport C. (MC F)
	31	Burnley
Apr.	7	Gillingham
	14	Brentford (FA SF)
	20	Oxford United
	21	Wigan Athletic
	28	AFC Bournemouth
May	5	Millwall
	7	Sheffield United
	12	Preston North End
	19	FA Cup Final



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BOLTON WANDERERS 1983/84

Front Row L to R. Charlie Wright (Coach), Jeff Chandler, Steve Saunders, John McGovern (Player/Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

Middle Row. Warren Joyce, Neil Redfearn, Steve Thompson, Tony Caldwell, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster.

Back Row. Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Simon Farnworth, Gerry McElhinney, Peter Valentine.



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(UP TO AND INCLUDING MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 1983)

	HOME			AWAY			GOALS		GOALS		Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	F	A	
Orient	5	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	2	12
Hull City	5	2	0	0	9	1	2	0	0	2	11
Oxford United	5	1	1	0	5	2	1	0	0	2	11
Wimbledon	5	3	0	0	13	4	0	1	1	3	10
Sheffield United	4	1	1	0	5	1	2	0	0	4	10
Rotherham United	5	2	0	1	4	2	1	1	0	3	10
Millwall	6	3	0	0	7	3	0	1	2	4	10
Bolton Wanderers	5	2	0	0	10	1	1	0	2	3	9
Preston North End	5	1	2	0	7	4	1	1	0	2	9
Bristol Rovers	5	3	0	0	7	2	0	0	2	1	9
Scunthorpe United	5	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	8
Wigan Athletic	5	1	1	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	8
Burnley	4	2	0	0	7	1	0	1	1	3	7
Southend United	6	1	2	0	6	5	0	1	2	0	6
Lincoln City	5	2	0	1	5	3	0	0	2	6	6
Newport County	5	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	3	11	6
Walsall	5	1	0	0	4	5	1	0	1	2	6
Brentford	5	1	1	0	5	2	0	1	2	5	5
Port Vale	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	9	4
Gillingham	5	1	0	2	5	5	0	1	1	5	4
Bradford City	5	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	2	3	2
Plymouth Argyle	5	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Exeter City	5	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	6	1
AFC Bournemouth	5	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	3	4	0

CENTRAL
LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Goals F A
1983		
Aug.	31 Burnley	4-0
Sept.	7 Newcastle Utd.	0-2
	14 Derby County	0-6
	20 Manchester Utd.	0-2
	28 Sheffield Wed.	
Oct.	4 Liverpool	
	12 Nottingham F.	
	19 Blackburn R.	
	27 Sheffield Utd	
Nov.	9 Aston Villa	
	15 Everton	
	23 Leeds United	
	30 Stoke City	
Dec.	7 Sunderland	
	14 West Brom A.	
	21 Newcastle Utd.	
1984		
Jan.	11 Liverpool	
	17 Derby County	
	25 Manchester Utd.	
	31 Sheffield Wed.	
Feb.	8 Nottingham F.	
	22 Blackburn R.	
	29 Aston Villa	
Mar.	14 Sheffield Utd.	
	20 Burnley	
	28 Everton	
Apr.	2 Leeds United	
	11 Stoke City	
	18 Sunderland	
	25 West Brom. A.	

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Third Division Scene

Orient are setting the pace at the top of the table following their single goal victory at Rotherham. This followed the Londoners' departure from the Milk Cup at the hands of fourth division Aldershot.

Wimbledon were the highest scorers of the day with a 4-2 victory over Port Vale at Plough Lane. The goals are certainly being rattled in by the 'Wombles' who have scored 19 goals in their 4 home games to date.

The highest crowd of the day saw the only scoreless game in the division between Preston and Hull at Deepdale but Hilly missed a penalty for North End that would have lifted them into the top three.

Walsall appear to have recovered from their 8-1 defeat at Bolton a fortnight ago. They defeated Blackpool in the Milk Cup, though they had to rely on a last minute goal from O'Kelly to win 3-2 over Newport County at Fellows Park.

Bournemouth are the only side in the division without a point. A goal from Graham gave them the lead at Millwall but they finally went down 3-1.

Brentford took a 5th minute lead at Wigan through Garner but Athletic's new strike force in former Bolton player Taylor and Bruce earned them their first home win of the season.

Oxford United climbed into third place with a 3-2 win at Gillingham, whilst there were home victories for Bristol Rovers and Lincoln City over Exeter and Plymouth respectively.



Neil Redfearn in action against Chester.

THIRD DIVISION FACTS AND FIGURES

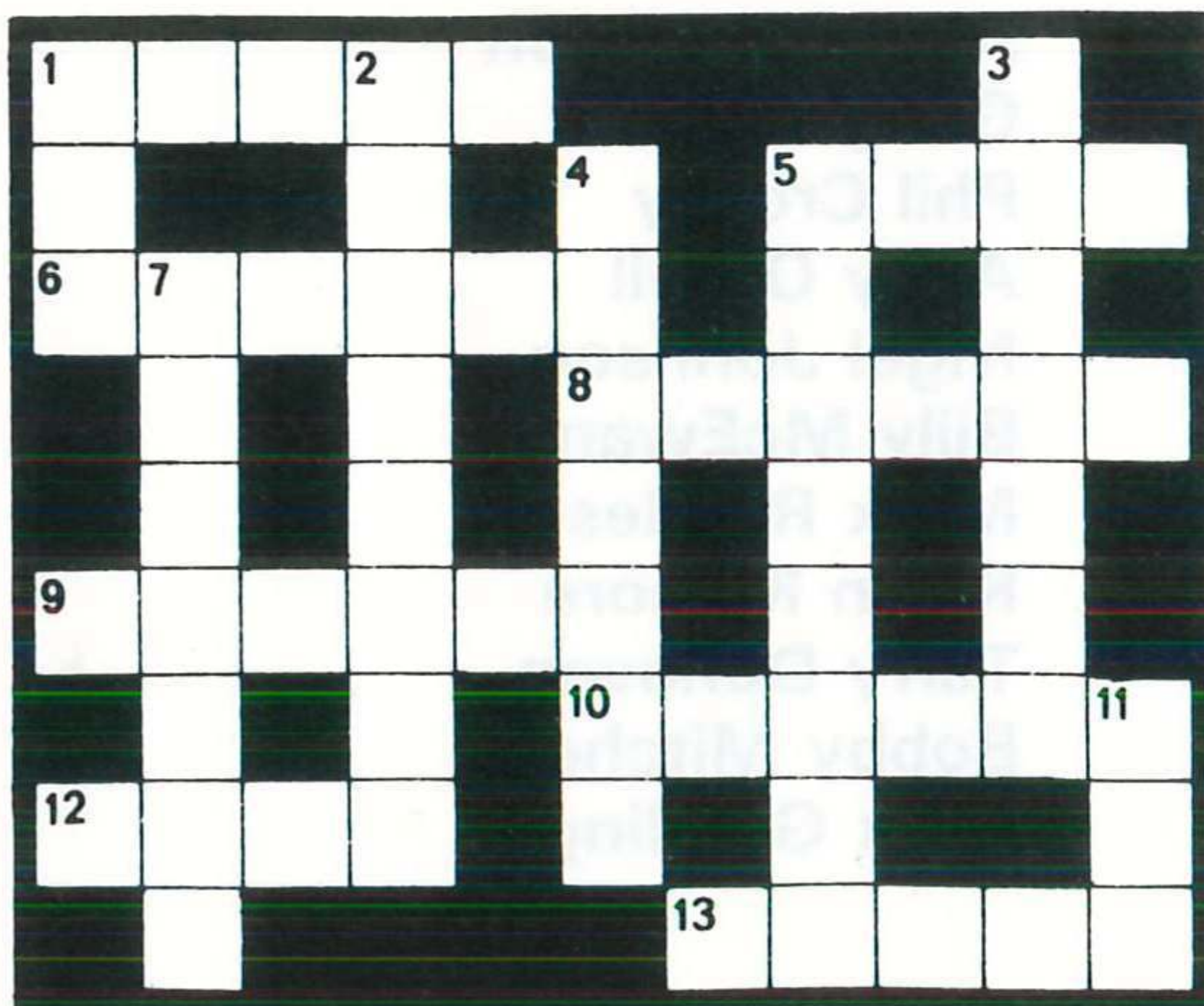
AS AT 18th SEPTEMBER 1983

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
BOLTON W.	4,375 v Walsall	4,184	Caldwell 6
BOURNEMOUTH	4,163 v Preston	3,662	Graham 2
BRADFORD C.	3,391 v Hull City	3,096	Four Players 1
BRENTFORD	6,224 v Millwall	5,468	Joseph 5
BRISTOL ROV.	5,148 v Brentford	4,790	Stephens 2
BURNLEY	6,719 v Newport	6,116	Hamilton 5
EXETER C.	4,742 v Walsall	3,968	McEwan 2
GILLINGHAM	3,370 v Oxford	3,159	Sitton 2
HULL CITY	9,764 v Burnley	8,551	Mutrie 3
LINCOLN C.	6,686 v Sheffield	4,229	Jack 3
MILLWALL	4,918 v Port Vale	4,768	Chatterton 3
NEWPORT CO.	5,015 v Bristol Rov.	3,739	Vaughan 4
OXFORD UTD.	5,637 v Burnley	4,938	Biggins 3
ORIENT	2,702 v Scunthorpe	2,689	Godfrey 2
PLYMOUTH A.	3,730 v Wigan	3,461	Nisbet, Tynan 1
PORT VALE	4,565 v Scunthorpe	4,437	Steele 3
PRESTON N.E.	6,661 v Hull	4,809	Sayer, Kelly 3
ROTHERHAM U.	5,518 v Orient	4,951	Kilmore 3
SCUNTHORPE U.	4,408 v Bolton	3,608	Cammack 2
SHEFFIELD U.	12,441 v Preston	11,423	Edwards 6
SOUTHEND U.	3,114 v Rotherham	3,110	Phillips, Shepherd 2
WALSALL	4,711 v Sheff. Utd.	3,511	Summerfield 3
WIGAN A.	3,034 v Brentford	2,767	Taylor 2
WIMBLEDON	2,690 v Port Vale	2,377	Cork 5

CROSSWORD No. 4

ACROSS

- 1 & 7 *dn.* Obviously first choice for skipper!! (5,2,5)
5. He twice came on as substitute in the 1983 FA Cup final (4)
6. Saxton's successor as manager of Plymouth (6)
8. One of the clubs with an X in its name (6)
9. See 12 *across*.
10. One of the clubs with an X in its name (6)
- 12 & 9 *ac.* Manchester United 'unknown' who broke through in 1983, achieving FA Cup final distinction and winning international honours with Wales (4,6)
13. A famous Manchester United father and son (5)



DOWN

1. Meaty-sounding forward whose career included two spells with each of Bradford Park Avenue and Bradford City as well as others with Grimsby, Preston and Rotherham (3)
2. See 5 down
3. — — — Norman, old Norwich, Spurs and England centre-half (7)
4. More than one X (a drawerful, so to speak) on a pools coupon (7)
- 5 & 2 *dn.* One of soccer's 'finals'! (8,8)
7. See 1 across
11. Another 9 *across*, this defender played for Cardiff, Southampton and Aldershot in the 1950s and 1960s (3)

Answers to No. 3: **ACROSS:** 6. Jimmy Mullen, 7. Seattle, 8. Bly (1960/61), 10. Ray, 12. Sweeney, 15. Mark Goodwin. **DOWN:** 1 & 2. Mike Smith, 3. Smallwood, 4. Alf, 5. See 13 down, 9. Leeds, 11. Alan, 13 & 5 *dn.* Eric Bell, 14. Sky (Blues).

MIXED DOUBLES No. 4

Re-order the letters in each of the words

FORE and TAUTER

to find the names of two men called "Dennis"

Answers to No. 3: GALVIN, COYLE

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

Puzzle Page

QUICK QUIZ No. 4

1. What is the name of Rotherham's ground?
2. Which striker netted his 200th League goal in 1982/83?
3. Which country did 'Tottman' (a combined Spurs and Manchester United team) beat 6-1 in a friendly in June 1983?
4. Who were champions of the Alliance Premier League in 1983?
5. Which European club did former Argentina manager Menotti step down to?

Answers to No. 3

1. Lyndon Lynch, 2. Eric Black, 3. Also 1982, 4. True, 5. England.

PICK-NICK No. 4

Solve this cryptic clue to a club's nickname and then identify the club:

YOU AND ME

Answer to No. 3: T. ROTTERS (BOLTON)

ON THE BALL No. 4

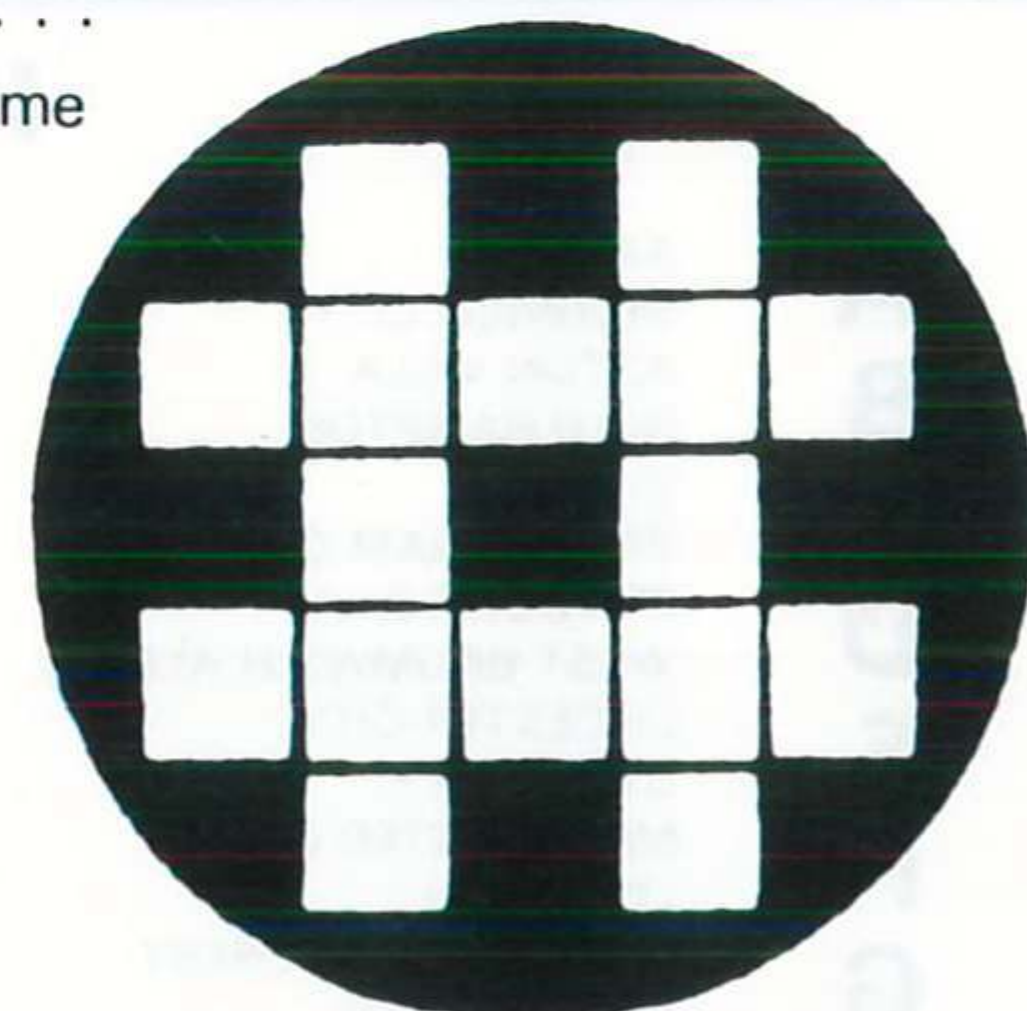
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

It's got to be Griffiths!

A Home Park hue

Radio commentator . . .

. . . with this first name



Answers to No. 3: BILLY, STEIN, BLAIR, FIFTY.

TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS

White & Navy Blue

Simon Farnworth	1
Brian Borrows	2
Ray Deakin	3
Warren Joyce	4
Gerry McElhinney	5
Peter Valentine	6
Steve Thompson	7
Jeff Chandler	8
Simon Rudge	9
Tony Caldwell	10
Neil Redfurn	11
	12

ROTHERHAM UNITED

Red & White

Alan Stevenson
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Phil Crosby
Andy O'Dell
Nigel Johnson
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Kevin Kilmore
Terry Donovan
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TODAY'S REFEREE:

NEVILLE J. ASHLEY (Nantwich, Cheshire). Commenced refereeing in 1964 in Crewe and District League, and graduated through Mid-Cheshire and Cheshire County Leagues to the Football League Linesmen's List in 1971 and the Full List in 1974.

A married man, with two children, he is a professional buyer — Pharmaceuticals — and his interest is in referee coaching, keeping fit and road race running. Is Secretary of the Crewe and District F.A. Referees. Won representative honours at middle distance and cross country running, and was ranked in the British 880 yards list in 1958. Chairman of Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen (North West and North Wales Section). Member of the F.A. panel of speakers for Referee Instructors.



LINESMEN: S. CARR (Liverpool) RED FLAG
F. GETHIN (Wirral) YELLOW FLAG

HALFTIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL	I	WATFORD	Q	NEWPORT COUNTY
B	NORWICH CITY	J	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	R	SCUNTHORPE UNITED
C	ASTON VILLA	K	WEST HAM UNITED	S	OXFORD UNITED
D	SOUTHAMPTON	L	NOTTS COUNTY	T	MILLWALL
E	EVERTON	M	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	U	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
F	BIRMINGHAM CITY	N	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	V	PRESTON NORTH END
G	IPSWICH TOWN	O	LEEDS UNITED	W	PORT VALE
H	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	P	MANCHESTER CITY		BRADFORD CITY
	LEICESTER CITY		AFC BOURNEMOUTH		SHEFFIELD UNITED
	STOKE CITY		GILLINGHAM		WIGAN ATHLETIC
	MANCHESTER UNITED		BRENTFORD		SOUTHEND UNITED
	LIVERPOOL		BURNLEY		WALSALL
	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		EXETER CITY		DONCASTER ROVERS
	LUTON TOWN		WIMBLEDON		BURY
	SUNDERLAND		HULL CITY		ROCHDALE
	COVENTRY CITY		LINCOLN CITY		NORTHAMPTON TOWN